

### **A Salvation Extravaganza** (1 Peter 1:10-12)

**Proposition:** Every one of us as pilgrims and strangers in this world can value greater the gift of eternal salvation given to us by personally realizing the three precious truths concerning our salvation extravaganza found in this text tonight.

#### **I. A Salvation Searched by the Authors (Vs. 10-11)**

- A. Authors that did Prophecy of this Salvation (Vs. 10)
- B. Authors that did not Perceive of this Salvation (Vs. 11)

#### **II. A Salvation Sounded by the Apostles (Vs. 12)**

- A. Apostles that Viewed this Salvation Given (Vs. 12a-b)
- B. Apostles that Voiced this Salvation's Gospel (Vs. 12c)

#### **III. A Salvation Spectated by the Angles (Vs. 12d)**

- A. Angles that Watch this Salvation Accomplished (Vs. 12d)
- B. Angles that Wonder at this Salvation Applied (Vs. 12d)

A Salvation Extravaganza  
(1 Peter 1:10-12), it watched last summer in amazement at the opening ceremony of the Olympic Games held in Beijing, China. It was amazing 10's of 1000's of people the greatest of technology, billions of dollars went into one of the largest and most astounding extravaganzas of all time. Millions watched as complex fire works, synchronized coreography, and colorful displays welcomed the world to China. It was a memorable event to watch. But

after it was over, most people went back to there less than spectacular lives, not knowing that an even more illustrious, phenomenal extravaganza was still going on. In churches and in homes this unbelievable extravaganza is still going on. It is the heavenly spectacle of a Holy Sovereign righteous God saving forgiving regenerating sinful and rebellious mankind. If you are here tonight and have received this wonderful

T, A Salvation searched by the Authors  
I've heard it said that the O.T. is the New Test. concealed. And the New Test. is the O.T. revealed. That's very much



what this passage indicates. Notice first we see  
A. Authors that did Prophecy of this Salvation  
"who prophesied of the grace" The author  
of the O.T. penned down the very truth  
of the gospel of the grace of God. Gen 3:15  
promised a deliverer. Abraham said  
God will provide himself a lamb. Isaiah  
said the servant of Jehovah would be  
wounded for our transgression. Habakkuk  
said the Just shall live by faith. The  
gospel of the Lord Jesus and his saving  
grace is seen in the O.T. scriptures. In  
Genesis: He is the promised seed of the woman  
B. Authors that did not Perceive of this Salvation  
They may very well have written  
the truth concerning salvation by  
grace thru faith but they did not  
perceive or understand it fully. They would  
write as the Spirit of Christ directed them  
then they would review what they has  
written to discern this coming Messiah  
and his salvation. The 22nd Psalm in truth  
tells us of the events of Jesus crucifixion  
but written a 1000 years before crucifixion was  
invented is a little puzzling. Or Isaiah

II. A Salvation Sounded by the Apostles  
But in the fullness of time in a  
stable in Bethlehem all the  
prophets strove for material

- 1) ...wonderful precious gift called salvation, then this breathtaking event of universal interest has gone on in your life. This event is the precious present of every one of God's Pilgrims. Our problem is that we don't value it as we ought to value our salvation. This passage helps us put our gift of salvation in to proper perspective. Every one of us as pilgrims and strangers in this world can value greater the gift of eternal salvation given to us by personally realizing the three precious truths found in this text tonight.
- 2) ...in Exodus He is the passover lamb, in Leviticus he is the great High priest, in Numbers he is the smitten rock, in Deut. He is the prophet of God, in Joshua he is the captain of the Lord of Hosts, in Judges he is the great and final judge, in Ruth he is the kinsmen redeemer, in 1 & 2 Samuel He is the anointed one, in 1&2 Kings he is King of Kings and Lord of Lords, in 1&2 Chronicles he is the glory of the Temple of God, In Ezra he is the teacher sent from God, in Nehemiah he is the re builder of broken lives, in Ester he is the protector of his people, In Job He is the only comforter in times of trouble, in the psalms He is the Good Shepherd, In Proverbs he is the wisdom of God, In Ecclesiastes He is the preacher of the kingdom of God, in Song of Solomon he is the Bridegroom coming for his bride, in Isaiah he is the mighty God, everlasting father, the prince of piece, In Jeremiah he is the the potter that shapes our lives of clay, in Lamentations he is the weeping prophet, in Ezekiel he is the wheel in the middle of the wheel, in Daniel he is the son of Man coming in the clouds, in Hosea he is the love of God for the backslider, in Joel he is the baptism of the H.S. In Amos he is the author of Judgment and mercy, in Obediah he is the God of vengeance, in Jonah, he is the salvation of the Lord, in Micah he is the intercessor, in Nahum he is our stronghold, in Habakkuk he is the desire of all nations, in Zephaniah he is the establisher of the kingdom of God upon the earth, in Zechariah he is the branch of Jehovah and in Malachi he is the Sun of righteousness rising with healing in his wings.
- 3) ...Isaiah looking back trying to understand how we could be healed by the stripes laid on the servant of Jehovah. In Peter's day many Jewish Christians were tempted to go back to Judaism. He is telling them that the salvation that they possess was what the greatest mean of their past strove for and earnestly sought to learn about. Why would you ever go back?

- 1) ...letter was one of those witnessed that viewed this precious  
promised messiah, be given.



in the arms of a young mother, Jesus came, A. Apostles that Viewed this Salvation Given This Jesus, the promised messiah grew from a child to a man and at the age of 33 set out of the mission foretold by the prophets. At the onset of his mission he chose 12 to be witnesses of his ministry. They were witnesses of this gift from God. They were eye witnesses to his death burial and resurrection. Jesus gave them attributes that validated their message. The writer of this letter was B. Apostles that Voiced this Salvation Gospel

Not long after the Lord Jesus ascended, the Holy Spirit of God was given, the body of the church began to form and this truth, this gift of God's forgiveness of sin began to be preached, voiced throughout the land. Vs 12 all was reported unto you! This band of apostles began to set the stage for this universal extravaganza to take place.

At the end of verse 12 we have a <sup>strong</sup> ~~strong~~ <sup>statement</sup> ~~statement~~  
III. A Salvation Spectated by the Angels  
Yes this universal spectacle is attended by the myriad of angels that serve the Lord. One would think



they would be too busy but they stop <sup>and</sup>  
A. Angels that Watch this Salvation Accom-  
plished - This great gift of salvation  
is of peak interest to the angels of  
heaven. The word desire is a strong  
word referring to a passionate desire  
the word to look on is a word often  
used in the gospels to refer to the disc-  
iples stopping down to look into the  
lonely, "to look at, to stoop and look into"  
"to look carefully into to inspect curiously"  
Did you know that you are being watched.

These angels have an intense desire to inspect  
B. Angels that Wonder at this Salvation  
Applied - But why such an interest?  
I remember going to the Barnum and  
Bailey Circus as a child. I remember  
watching that guy on the trapeze  
so intently, watching every breath  
taking move saying "Oh I could  
do that if only I had the chance. But  
reality would soon set in and I would  
realize, it would never happen. These  
angels, have seen rebellion, many cast  
out, but never have they seen these

IV. Close - I want to tell you  
angels are gathered all around  
searched in hopes that you will  
receive the gracious offer extended

- 1) ...to inspect the goings on in the life of the believer. Ephesians 3:10 To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God," One author writes that the Church is the teacher of Angels. The Church is God's university for angels." 1 Corinthians 4:9 ...for we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men.
- 2) ...those that once rebelled against God, be brought to him in fellowship, be forgiven, cleansed, regenerated to live a holy life. They will never experience it. But oh how they watch it. On March 20<sup>th</sup> 1994, the stage was set for an unprecedented extravaganza to take place, the prophets had written of it, the apostles had preached it, and it finally was laid at my doorstep once again. That Wringling Bros Circus, even the opening ceremonies at the the Beging Olympics, looked like a dime store pin ball machine compared to that night when God reached into that old dove gray '87 mustang, and shook hell out of this boy and put heaven in his heart. Why it was fruit basket turnover in heave for an hour and a half. What a Gift!